

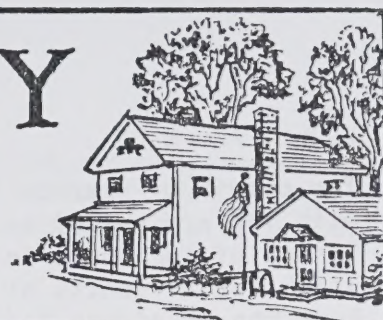
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MONTEREY NEWS



OUR TOWN

Feb. 1975

The Changing Face of Monterey - Part II

Brookbend, next to the library, is in the process of restoration and remodeling into an eight-unit apartment building under ^{the} concerned care of Robert and Jill Ensign. Fifty years ago Mr. Ensign's father, Raymond P. Ensign, built additions in the rear which made the old farmhouse into an inn. He sold it in the early 1940's, and now, thirty years later, it's back in the Ensign family.

The restoration has been somewhat of a detective operation, trying to find out what the original structure was like before more than 200 years of assorted remodelings. The two bay windows and recessed entry have been elimi-

nated for structural reasons, as they had been reshly cut through some of the primary posts. The beams more than 100 years ago. The facade, as it is developing now, represents a good bit of guesswork but is faithfully related to the structure as it was first built in the mid-eighteenth century.

The Ensigs are not setting any deadlines for completion but think they may have some apartments available by the fall of this year.

About a year ago plans were initiated for a restoration and improvement program at the Monterey United Church. It all started with the idea of a Bicentennial improvement project. The church began to raise funds last summer. The latest boost to the restoration program came as the church was funded for the restoration of an historic building under the federal employment program of the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA). The church, by this arrangement, is provided with an artisan for an 8-month period. He is Mr. Tilo Kaufmann, of Stockbridge.

The first phase of the restoration program is painting and other work in the sanctuary. This began three weeks ago. Gary Brallier and Mr. Kaufmann are working together on this project. It is hoped that this phase of the project may be completed in time to use the sanctuary for the Easter service.

The committee on restoration is Marjorie McLaughlin, Herbert Messenger, Robert Ensign, Gary Brallier and Virgil Brallier. This committee will choose among the various improvement projects possible in order to make maximum use of the federally funded worker. The church voted at its annual meeting in January to match the funds provided in the government's employment program. This amount is \$5,500. Some of this is being raised by the Bicentennial Fund. Additional money will have to be taken from savings accounts. It is anticipated that the Bicentennial Fund will be continued for two more years to help replace what will be withdrawn from savings.

A "mini-improvement" project was initiated by the parish council in the social room. Since the social room is currently being used for church services, it was decided to make some immediate improvements. Two lamps and a table have been donated, drapes for the windows are under consideration. A wall hanging behind the worship area is being prepared and a special cleaning day is to be held this Wednesday evening. Since the social room is used by so many groups in the community, each group is asked to leave it clean and in good condition for the next group.

New Town Personnel Hired through CETA

Two persons, Mr. Dean Bryant and another whose name is not yet available have been hired for an 8-month period to help the road crew in the Town of Monterey.

Chore and Other House hold Help Available for the Elderly

Jenny Alsop, 499-1353, is co-ordinating a program under the Berkshire Home Care Corporation, Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, which will provide chore and other necessary household help for aging persons who are unable to attend to such work themselves. Call him regarding the availability of such help.

Senator Sisitsky Visits Monterey

On February 8 State Senator Alan Sisitsky met with the selectmen and a small group of persons from the town to discuss any problems they cared to bring up. Mrs. Fred White asked him if, in view of the high cost of fuel oil, research into alternate types of heating energy should not be considered. She pointed out the high percentage of increase in cancer (35%) in a community in Michigan harboring a nuclear energy plant, whereas the percentage in the state had decreased by 4%. She also stated that Massachusetts has been a pioneer in the use of solar energy, the first house in the nation heated by solar energy having been constructed in Cambridge, and the world's first office building heated in this way being planned for erection in Lincoln. Berkshire Community College also plans a solar-heated building on its campus. Two young ladies whose names are unavailable at the present writing were concerned about President Ford's plans to cut back on funds for social services.

GOULD FARM NEWS

The breath of freedom that we all so need in mid-winter came to the Farm last month with the arrival of an old friend, Mrs. Mila Gardner, founder and owner of the Aparri School of the Dance in Princeton, New Jersey, which she started twenty years ago and which has a faculty of four. Mrs. Gardner is here for two months as a volunteer worker. She is giving lessons in the dance under a grant for the purpose of research in dance therapy, and has added her own emphasis upon body conditioning and the social dance. When she leaves Gould Farm Mrs. Gardner plans to spend a month in Paris continuing her research project. She will return to her school in June. Staff and guests appreciate the unusual opportunity being offered them.

When Volker Heitmann recently ended his five-month stay at Gould Farm everyone here joined in bidding him a reluctant farewell. Volker is a German C.O., the first one from overseas to join the Farm staff. He heard of the Farm through the Church of the Brethren and entered into the life here with unusual ability and understanding. Volunteers of this caliber have added greatly to the strength of the Farm program over a long period of time.

Mrs. Harold Winchester is in New Jersey for a few weeks, helping to care for her son, Harold. He was hospitalized recently because of a leg injury incurred as he was struck by a car while crossing a street in Newark. We hope he will soon be able to leave the Hospital.

On Friday, February 14, the Rev. Henry Stewart, an assistant and sixteen young people from the First Congregational Church of Lincoln, Massachusetts, came to Gould Farm. They are spending five nights at the Lodge on the hill north of Main House, with only a fireplace, sleeping bags and their own energy to keep them warm. This is the Farm's first work-retreat group for the year. We look to them for practical help in many ways and also for high spirits and general inspiration.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Bingo was enjoyed at the January 15 meeting of Monterey Grange. Five new members have been added: Stanley Zilka and Patricia Hardisty, of Monterey, Susan Holcomb of Great Barrington, Julian Work, of Tolland, and Charles Wilton, of Colebrook, Connecticut. The next meeting will be February 19, The theme of the program will be "International Night."

The Youth Committee has donated money to the Sandisfield Junior Grange and the Mass. State Grange Heifer Project. Several members collected clothing and bedding, which included four new quilts they made for fire victims.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

The spring clothing drive for Church World Service will be held in April. Things may be brought to the church, or, through the kindness of Mr. Phoenix, to the Monterey Store. We are told that supplies of contributed clothing, layettes, children's garments, bandages, and many other needed items have dwindled to a critically low state, due partly to the heavy demand after disasters in 1974. For instance, after the September hurricane in Honduras, CWS rushed supplies of food, medicines, infants' and children's clothing, blankets, etc. They are now helping with rehabilitation. In emergencies, such as this hurricane, or the tornado in Xenia, Ohio, blankets are especially useful, often offering the only shelter for thousands. For \$3 each, CWS can buy warm blankets directly from the manufacturer.

Children's clothing is vital, not only in disaster relief, but also to enable underprivileged youngsters to attend school. Fabric parcels, assembled of two-yard lengths of washable material, thread and needles, play an important role in the "self-help" work of Church World Service. Clothing is also used in "self-help" as wages for workers in community projects: roads, schools, or water development. Bandages are also needed -- give your worn sheets to the Ladies' Aid who will tear them into strips and roll the bandages.

The time and thought we put into the gathering of these items mean more than we sometimes realize in helping people who need them.

Gertrude Gould

PTA NEWS

On February 15 children's movies are shown at the Mill River Town Hall. The last week in February the Monterey school children are going to see a presentation of the Northeast Kingdom Puppet Theatre, financed in part by the PTA. Early in the spring the PTA is having a card party, organized by Elisabeth Pizzichemi. The prize will be a portrait of your child by Leonard Weber.

Cynthia Weber
President

The Zoning By-Law with recently adopted revisions is now printed and available, as is the Environmental Impact Statement which was included in the Sub-Division Control Law. Those who wish copies should send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the selectmen or the planning board.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Parish Council had a dinner meeting at Caesar's Restaurant on February 10. There will be a weekly mass at the Mill River Church of the Immaculate Conception during Lent which will be announced in the Church's Sunday bulletin. Regular Sunday masses will be held at Mill River every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .
Confirmation Class Sundays at 9:15 a.m. . . .
Class for children 3-8 years at 10:30 each Sunday.

Baptism on February 16, Kenneth Leon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pratt.

Lenten Sunday Worship

The morning worship during Lent, which began with the service on February 16, is following the theme of "Violence and the Christian Gospel." Worship is in the social room. There will usually be a discussion period related to the sermons. At the beginning of the series the congregation was reminded that the Lenten period had its origin in the violence that placed Jesus on the cross.

Lenten Study Program

The Southern Berkshire United Church of Christ congregations are engaging in a common Lenten study program on the theme "Communicating Our Faith." The meetings will be held in the Great Barrington Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 on February 18 and 25, March 4, 11 and 18. All are invited. A car pool has been formed for those wishing to attend from Monterey.

Services of Christian Healing

On February 2 the Monterey Church had its first Service of Christian Healing. The plan is that these services will be held here the first Sunday evening of every month at 6:30. This is being coordinated with the Great Barrington Church, which will have a Service of Christian Healing on the third Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Brallier, in commenting on the service, said that in reality this is not essentially different from the ongoing aim of all Christian worship, which is concerned for the healing of persons and society. In these services, however, the distinctive call of the Christian community to bear a healing influence is emphasized and focused. There is need, Dr. Brallier said, for the Church to recapture its mandate to bring wholeness to persons and society. All in the community are invited.

17/76 Achievement Fund

Beginning soon, the church will enter the active phase of its program to join with the National Church to raise 17 million dollars, which is to be largely used for special assistance to black colleges. The goal of the local church is \$4,000.

Community Potluck Supper

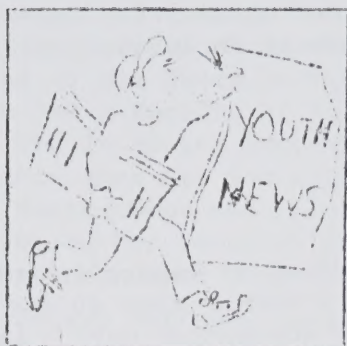
The next potluck supper which the community group is sponsoring is to be on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the church social room. This has been planned as a monthly event and is an occasion to which the whole community is invited. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish --or food of some kind to share. The program planned for this time is a period of fun and games immediately after supper, then, after this period is over, Wallace Tryon will share with us reminiscences of the early days of Monterey.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS

Showers of green spikes
Erupting in pink effulgence
Are like a Spartan life
Bursting into blithe indulgence.

Patricia Howard

GIRL SCOUTS



Brownies

The Brownies have been busy with stormy day projects such as jewelry made out of buttons and things out of scraps around the house. The girls made Valentines for their Valentine Party held on Thursday, February 13. During Girl Scout Week, March 8-15, the girls will have a window display in Great Barrington at the Andrew Insurance Company. The theme of the exhibit is the Bicentennial. The Brownies are making the soldiers out of clothespins.

Juniors

The Juniors are occupied making the scenery for the window display in Great Barrington. The Cadettes, Juniors and Brownies of Monterey will have the Battle of Lexington as their theme.

Cadettes

The Pansy Patrol has completed its Challenge for Emergency Preparedness. Mrs. Sue Farnum and 4 Cadettes from Great Barrington help the girls on this challenge by posing as accident victims. Those completing were: Susan Andrus, Kristine Heath, Anna Thorn, Donna Sheridan, Gwen O'Connell, Andrea Pizzichemi and Betsy Bynack.

Cookie Sale

The girls are now taking orders until February 22 for cookies. This year they are also selling English tea and sesame crackers. Delivery will be around April 20.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts and Webelos

The Pack meeting for the month of February was cancelled because of bad weather. The meeting will be combined with the March Blue and Gold Dinner. At that time the Webelos will put on a demonstration of hand puppets and marionette puppets. The Cub Scouts will show a movie on the planets.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

A swimming party is planned for this month. For the month of March a dance with a live band is being planned.

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Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club

The Monterey Roadrunners will again be sponsoring a Ham Dinner on March 15 in the church basement. The club members will be around selling tickets very soon. Keep this date in mind. We want to see you all there. At their last meeting the club members gave a report on what they feed their horses and why. We also discussed E.I.A. (Swamp Fever). The State will be coming out with rules and regulations on this, hopefully to have mandatory laws in effect by this spring. The club will also be putting on a window exhibit for the coming window exhibit contest to be held during the week of February 21-28. This will be on display at the Post Office.

Mary O'Connor
News Reporter

Monterey Panhandlers Cooking Club

Since our last report our club has been making the following dishes: Butter Carrot Sticks with Parsley, Tomatoes and Wax Beans, Scalloped Corn and Macaroni-Beef Italiano.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Monterey Greenthumbs Gardening Club

The garden club will have its first meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Boys and girls planning on joining are asked to save milk containers for starting seeds in. These are to be brought to the meeting.

Election of officers will also take place. Boys and girls from 6 years up may join. Leaders are Mrs. Marion Thomson and Mrs. John Ryder.

Wooly, Feather, Fur Farmers

February 13 we made posters and we voted Mary O'Connor's poster for the poster contest and our banner. We have two new members, Kris and Kenny Heath, with poultry and swine. We got our records for our animals. The next meeting will be March 13.

Karen Gillis

Youth Reporter

TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN

There is a dilemma in being human that sparks much of the drama of our daily existence. Within us is a deep desire to know and to be known. At the same time there is a profound fear of being known. This dilemma often causes us to walk an erratic, zig-zag path through life.

Our social behavior reveals this strange schism. People will prepare for occasions, hoping those present will be open, honest and direct with one another. The expectation behind many a cocktail party is that people we care about will come to know and enjoy each other. It does sometimes happen, to be sure, but these same cocktail parties are well known as the epitome of superficiality.

Today we talk a lot about communicating. Trouble comes in a relationship or an organization gets into a tangle because the right hand doesn't know what the left is doing. The solution appears to be a simple one: we will develop a better system of communication. So we lay out plans to see that important material is communicated between the parties concerned. It appears that the new day has dawned. Everyone feels better. Congratulations on our brilliant improvement flow in all directions.

But wait a minute -- or a few months -- before we become too gleeful about our breakthrough. Communications systems have an uncanny way of coming unstuck. We were so sure the new day had dawned -- and all via a few devices for seeing that important information was communicated. We are shocked by a new breakdown in communications. Others are reading us wrong again. They seem by some perversity to act as if they hadn't heard us. They may even say that we are reading them wrong, deliberately not understanding. What is wrong? Was the communications system we built simply a mirage? Did it just make us feel good for a while, only to fade away as though it were not valid at all?

Let us not underestimate the healing effect of good communication. The changes it produces are real. Yet good communication is much more than the ability to invent new transmission devices. We are confronted with the profound division that exists at the center of personality: the longing to be known and the fear of being known. Often after we have gained some genuinely good feeling from letting ourselves be known, this fearful, guarded part of the personality reasserts itself. This reassertion is frequently so subtle that the person doesn't even know it is happening until some friend starts to accuse him of concealing himself once more.

I have come to believe that the principal thing that happens when a person works with a psychotherapist is the struggle with this dilemma between the longing to be known and the fear of being known. He may identify his problem as "my depression" or "my inability to get along with my mate" or whatever. But as a deep relationship emerges the issue increasingly flows around the longing to be known and the fear of being known.

There is another way of stating this dilemma. We can talk about it in terms of intimacy. Something like an irrepressible search for intimacy exists deep in the nature of each individual. Some few persons seem to flow toward this goal as surely as rain falling high in the mountains begins its search for the sea. Most of us, however, run into many hindrances and fears in our search for being known. We long for the rewards of intimacy. We wish so much to be known and also to be accepted. Yet deep down we act as if this were an absolute impossibility. We are afraid to take the risk of being known. We imagine that if we were known deeply enough and all the secrets of our hearts laid bare, no one would stand with us. Thus, we keep ourselves impaled on the horns of a frightful dilemma. Fortunately, the longing to be known is a force more powerful than the fear of being known. Accordingly, bit by bit, sometimes moving forward, sometimes falling backward, most of us keep hoping, venturing, risking until we are more known and eventually more free and whole.

An ancient statement of this awesome dilemma was made by Psalm 139. To read the psalm with any imagination is to see the writer caught in a veritable upheaval between the longing to be known and the fear of being known. He asks of God:

"Whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend to heaven, thou art there;

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou are there.

If I say, 'Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,'

Even the darkness is not dark to thee;

The night shines as the day."

In the beginning he confesses God "has searched me and known me." He ends by asking "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts."

In our pilgrimage that takes us through darkness and light, through fear and longing, through hate and love, let us have the courage to be known. Thereby we are given the freedom to participate joyfully in the lives entrusted to each of us.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



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CAN WE TOP THIS?

In 1973 the Town of Monterey contributed \$149.00 to the American Cancer Society. In 1974 a total of \$333.00 was collected. In 1975 we MUST top this!

All of us have been made very much aware by recent publicity of how fast cancer can strike. Cancer is not respectful of position. It is not selective. It strikes anywhere, any time.

Your contribution to the Cancer Society is your ONLY insurance policy against this disease. Continued research is the only answer to its cure.

April is Cancer Month. A drive will be made, door to door, by volunteers to collect funds for the American Cancer Society. The drive is 30 days hence, and by putting away one dime each day for 30 days you will have saved enough to double Monterey's 1974 contribution. Why not start tomorrow?

Ethel Zantay
RD #2, Box 146-F
Great Barrington

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